



## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB**

### **CLUB OBJECTIVES**

**TO CREATE A HEALTHY, POSITIVE, AND FUN COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE TALENTED FEMALE ATHLETES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAN GROW AS POSITIVE PEOPLE, CITIZENS, STUDENTS, AND SOCCER PLAYERS.**

**TO UTILIZE THE SEVEN POWERFUL PARTS OF SOCCER PHILOSOPHY AS A MEANS TO EXPLAIN THE GAME OF SOCCER ALL THE WHILE EMPHASIZING THE BEAUTY OF THE GAME, TEAM UNITY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STRIVING TO GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT IN ALL YOU DO.**

**TO ASSIST IN THE GROWTH OF THESE YOUNG GIRLS INTO ATHLETIC, STRONG, CONFIDENT, AND INDEPENDENT WOMEN SO THEY ARE ABLE TO BE PRODUCTIVE AND ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THEIR LIFELONG ENDEAVORS.**

**THESE OBJECTIVES ARE THE MEANS BY WHICH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES CLUB MEASURES ITS SUCCESS AS A SOCCER ORGANIZATION.**

## **CLUB/PLAYER/PARENT AGREEMENT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Over the years we have enjoyed many successes with our involvement in youth and adult soccer. We have learned one key ingredient of success is clear consistent communication between club, teams, coaches, players, and parents. This agreement is one way of explaining in detail the expectations of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB, its staff and members. It will help identify some potential problem areas and at the same time answer questions about the club decision making process. As you have committed to become a member of the Blues please take the time to read the following pages carefully.

### **THE CLUB AND THE TEAM**

Members of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB agree to put the club ahead of the team. When decisions are made regarding conflicts between the club and a particular team, the club will come first. Club decisions will be made by consulting with the Program Directors and a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The decisions of the Board of Directors will be final and without appeal.

### **THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL**

Members of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB agree to put their team ahead of the individual player. If conflicts arise between the team, a player or parent, the team coach under the direction of the Program Director will be responsible to make decisions for the good of the team. These decisions will be made after gathering all relevant information and consultation with those involved. The decision of the team coach will be objective and based on his/her best evaluation of the facts. Once a decision has been made it is final and without appeal. Players and parents must agree to abide with the final decision.

### **PLAYER EVALUATION AND SELECTION**

Player performance will be evaluated by observing the player under the pressures of annual tryouts, during seasonal practices, scrimmages, and especially games. Only the Program Director and the team coach will consult in matters of player evaluation and selection.

There are many terminologies used to categorize and describe soccer abilities. Present and potential team members will be evaluated in four areas.

#### **Four Areas of Evaluation:**

- 1) Mental and Physical Components in Defense and Offense (player's work rate in defense and offense)
- 2) Physical Components in Defense (player's soccer speed and soccer strength in defense)
- 3) Technical Competence and Tactical Awareness in Offense (player's skills, reading, and runs in offense)
- 4) Physical Components in Offense (player's soccer speed and soccer strength in offense)

Our club coaches make decisions on player selections based solely on the coaches' best judgment of the players demonstrating the highest productivity in the Four Areas of Evaluation (above) throughout the game of competitive soccer.

Priority will be given to the Mental and Physical Components because they are the foundation upon which the Principles of Defense and Offense achieve the highest productivity in the game of competitive soccer.

If you have any questions about the meaning of these terms, please ask your team coach. Team coaches will base their decisions solely on the Four Areas of Evaluation and they are responsible to make decisions for the good of the club and team. Politics, a parent's position in the club, friendships, personal relationships, and financial contributions to the club or team will not enter into a team coach's decisions.

Your understanding here is important; for just as Blues players and parents are given the freedom to evaluate and select a soccer club without undue pressure, our coaches should have the same expectation of freedom to evaluate and select soccer players without undue pressure. We will not always agree on issues as sensitive as player evaluation and selection. We hope you will respect our attempt to be objective in these matters.

## **TEAM TRYOUTS**

Team tryouts will be held annually for players who meet the age requirements for the team in question. Each prospect will be given an opportunity to make the team. The club will announce team tryouts to inform the public of specific tryout dates and times. The team reserves the right to call off annual tryouts if the team coach determines tryouts unnecessary. If the team coach determines it necessary, additional tryouts may be held during the season at any time; qualified players not committed to any, GDA, ECNL, or viable USYS team currently entered in State, Regional, or National competition may be added to the team at any time.

The tryout evaluation period may last from one to an indefinite number of evaluations to be determined by the team coach. Keep in mind that besides the tryout evaluation period, evaluations also take place during the competitive soccer season (practices, scrimmages and especially regulation games). In order to avoid wasting anyone's time, the team coach reserves the right to make decisions on selections after the first evaluation period or to ask certain prospects to remain after the announced tryout dates. Evaluations and selections will be based solely on how players perform in the Four Areas of Evaluation according to the team coach. No other criteria will be used to evaluate the player and any decision made by the team coach or Program Director is final. During the tryout evaluation period please give us the consideration to inform us whether or not you plan to accept the offer to join the team if asked to do so. The Program Director will determine whether a player will play on a team above their age group.

## **THE PLAYER**

You are not under any pressure to join the club. Instead, we hope that the player and her parents will consider all options and choose what will be best, taking into consideration the player's goals and aspirations as a person, student, and soccer player.

Once you commit to join the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB you agree to abide by the policies of the club and your team. This commitment is for one soccer season only. The soccer season begins, early March for younger Blues teams, and in mid-July for older Blues teams and continuing through the following February, March, April, or May, depending on the age group and/or success of the team through the GDA, ECNL, or USYS State, Regional, or National competition in June, July, or August. At the end of the soccer season your commitment to the club is over and you are free to join another club if it is in your best interest. At the beginning of the following soccer season a player is again free to tryout under the conditions stated above. Remember in the event you are rostered on a GDA team, an ECNL team, or your USYS team qualifies for State, Regional, or National competition we expect you to fulfill your commitment to your team through the end of that competition regardless of your status with the club the following season.

We expect our players and parents to be ethical and honest thereby honoring their commitments both verbal and written. That said you should make your decision thoughtfully and carefully. Once your commitment is made, the club expects your full participation and support for the entire soccer season; even in the event team results, personal playing time, personal relationships, etc. do not meet your expectations and/or are not to your liking. Remember there is a bigger picture to consider besides soccer which is the conduct of a person as an honest and positive human being. Take into account when you make your commitment, our coaches may need to inform another potential player they did not make the team. Please consider your decision carefully and be considerate.

If you have committed to the club, the club will also be ethical and honest, honoring its commitment to you. No player will ever be released from a team during the soccer season unless it is for disciplinary reasons or failure to fulfill club financial obligations. In that event the team coach will consult with club administration in order to make decisions regarding temporary suspension of a player. The club's suspension decision is final.

**OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT TEAMS/U.S. TRAINING CENTERS/ID2 TEAMS:** During the soccer season players from the Blues will have the opportunity and are encouraged to participate in the ODP/USTC/ID2 programs. Player evaluation and selection for the ODP/USTC/ID2 is the sole responsibility of the ODP/USTC/ID2 scouting staff. The Blues club and its team coaches do solicit the ODP/USTC/ID2 scouting staff to attend our events to evaluate our Blues players. If selected the decision about whether to participate in ODP/USTC/ID2 will be left up to the player and parents. Please consider that a player who is selected for the ODP/USTC/ID2, or a State, Regional, or National program will encounter conflicts between club and these events. The ODP/USTC/ID2 policy clearly states that the club always has priority unless your team coaches in coordination with the Program Director decide otherwise.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** By signing the Parent Player Agreement, I grant permission to the Southern California Blues Soccer Club and its authorized representatives to photograph or film my child's participation in all events pertaining to the team and/or club. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed or digital materials used to promote Southern California Blues Soccer Club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

**SELECT BLUES TEAMS:** If there is a need and space is available on the roster a youth Blues player who demonstrates the essential levels with regards to the Four Areas of Evaluation may be given the opportunity to play for a select Blues team based on the decision of the Blues coaching staff. The decision about whether or not to participate with the select Blues team will be left up to the player and parents. Players participating with a select Blues team or another select team must consider in case of conflict your youth Blues team has priority unless your team coaches in coordination with the Program Director decide otherwise.

**UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY:** In order to promote club and team unity it is essential that all players be committed to wearing the designated PUMA uniform and colors (lime top & royal blue shorts or royal blue top & lime shorts) of the club in its entirety during the season. All teams are required to wear practice kits as provided by the club. Any additional PUMA gear including warm ups and back packs are to be worn and used when applicable without exception. These items are not to be substituted at any time. In keeping with soccer tradition the uniform numbers range from #00, #0, and #1 optional for the goalkeepers to #26. If the goalkeeper does not select #00, #0, or #1 those jerseys become temporary jerseys. Field players may not select #00, #0, or #1 as their permanent number. Returning team members have priority for uniform number selection. A player joining an existing team from within the club has second choice while a player joining a Blues team from outside the club has third choice. The uniform policy for Blues Teams in their inaugural season is that each player will have the opportunity to select the jersey number of their choice.

As a member of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB, players are responsible for their own performance and conduct. Honesty, communication, and reliability will be expected at all times. The club requests that players care about themselves and the sport of soccer. This requires the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle, a positive team attitude, along with a personal sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Use of drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes is not acceptable and may result in temporary suspension or even removal from the club. A player is expected to conduct herself in a respectable manner and positively represent the club on and off the soccer field.

#### **GUESTING, LOANING, AND BORROWING OF PLAYERS**

If a Blues player is invited to guest on another Blues team or on a team outside the club (in practices, scrimmages, regulation games, and or tournaments) please have the courtesy to first request permission from your Blues team coach prior to accepting the invitation to guest. Your Blues team coach will have the final say about whether you have the permission to guest with another team.

If there is a need and space is available on the roster, a Blues player or players outside the club who demonstrate the essential levels with regards to the Four Areas of Evaluation may be given the opportunity to participate with a Blues team (in practices, scrimmages, regulation games, and or tournaments) based on the decision of the Blues team coach. The decision about whether or not to participate with the Blues team asking to borrow the player will be left up to the invited player and her parents. Potential guest players who are members of another Blues team or a team outside of the club must consider in case of conflict the team loaning the player has priority unless the coach of the team loaning the player decides otherwise.

#### **BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER GAMES**

During the soccer season the team and its players participate in practices, league competition, tournaments, GDA, ECNL, or USYS State, Regional, or National competition. The team coach will make decisions on player selection, game lineup, player positions, playing time, tournament participation, and team management. A player and her parents must be positive in fulfilling the role the player is asked to perform for the team at any moment even if that role has them coming off the bench, playing a different position, not playing at all, or participating in team functions.

From the designated arrival time at all practices and games, a player is expected to concentrate on soccer. Players must arrive on time with required equipment (shoes, proper Blues uniform, Blues warm-ups, soccer ball, shin guards, etc.) and be ready to practice or play. Since practicing and playing their best requires undivided attention, there will be no visiting between the player and her parents, family members, friends, pets or others (who might cause the player to lose focus on soccer) from immediately before the practice or game until dismissed by the coach. This includes half-time and the conclusion of games, when players are expected to hydrate, then immediately join the team and coach for game discussion or team adjustments. When necessary, the coach may ask a player or players to do hard physical workouts in practices or immediately following games. This should not be interpreted as a punishment but rather as a means to achieve a high level of fitness. When team responsibilities are over, the player is free to join family and friends.

Hydration, nutrition, and rest are also part of the individual player's personal responsibility as a member of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB. A player is expected to take in appropriate fluids, eat healthy nutritious food in a timely fashion so as to allow for digestion and therefore not interfere with performance. If a player has questions about which fluids and foods are best for performing athletes, please ask the team coach. Always take care of all injuries or any conditions that requires treatment. If you are not sure you require treatment ask your coaches. Do not leave anything to chance. Follow up on all treatments when you are injured and always get taped when needed. Be sure to inform your coach of any feedback or treatment plans your trainer or medical profession give you.

Rest periods between games may be spent with family members or friends if time and the team coach permit. However, the period between games is not to be seen as a family time, vacation time, or a time to go sightseeing. There will be times when the team coach will require the team stay together while waiting for the next game. At other times, the team coach may allow players to go with family members or friends. This decision will be left entirely up to the team coach and he/she is free to reverse any decision at any time if it is in the best interest of the team. Individual exceptions may be made on a case by case basis if the situation warrants but that decision as well will be left entirely up to the team coach whose decision will be final.

## **TEAM TRAVEL**

During the course of the soccer season, teams will participate in away games. It is a player's responsibility to abide by the club travel code of ethics, and to arrange transportation to games. In most instances the player will be able to arrange travel in conjunction with other team members. In certain cases, the team may be taking trips which require the team to stay overnight. During overnight trips, all team members may be required to travel together, stay at a designated hotel and eat meals as a team. A player's family members will always be welcome to stay at the designated hotel (unless the host tournament specifies otherwise) or may be invited to join the team during team meals. Final decisions regarding team travel, including timing of arrival and departure to and from locations (hotels, restaurants, game fields, etc.) will be left entirely up to the team coach. Although under no obligation, there will be times when the coach may make individual exceptions and be flexible in the implementation of team travel rules. These decisions by the team coach will be made with the best interests of the club and team in mind. The player and her parents are responsible for the cost of the player's travel, accommodations and meals. The cost of the team coach's travel, accommodations, meals and/or per diem will also be paid for by the player and her parents.

## **TOURNAMENT PLAY**

During the course of the season the team may opt to play in a number of tournaments. The decision as to which tournaments the team will play in will be discussed at the team's annual parent meeting. The parents may provide input as to the tournament schedule but the final decision regarding the team's tournament schedule will be up to the team coach. The club provides the team with a tournament allowance that is presented each year at the Annual Club Parent Meeting. Any cost above and beyond the club allowance is the responsibility of the team. Tournament costs will be divided evenly amongst the registered players on the team regardless of an individual player's attendance at the tournament.

## **THE PARENTS**

Parental support and involvement in the club is essential. If your daughter is selected and chooses to commit herself to the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB parental commitment is also necessary. If a player is to make a quality commitment to the club and her team her parents must see to it she attends all possible club and team functions (practices, meetings, games, etc.). There will be times when scheduling conflict cannot be avoided and other more important events occur. The club requires your communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. It is the club's responsibility to present a periodic schedule to allow time for your planning. When a player or her parents have an unavoidable scheduling conflict the club expects timely communication to see if the necessary adjustments can be made. The team coach in consultation with the Program Director will make final decisions on scheduling and adjustments after careful consideration of individual member needs and those of the club or team.

**SIDELINE COACHING:** There will be no coaching by parents. No matter how good your intentions are we insist there be no shouting instructions to your daughter or shouting (complaining) to officials during games. Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome after a good play. "Go" or "Shoot" are interpreted as instructions and as such are not desirable. It is important the players not be distracted at practices (parents and friends please stay off the designated practice area including the goal mouths) and during games. Players should only receive one set of instructions before, during, and after practices or games. For this reason the club insists the team coach be the only voice at all games and practices. No one other than those listed on the official game roster may sit on or near the team bench before and during games (please respect the space and privacy necessary for the coach and team to carry out their game responsibilities).

The club's primary concern is for the long-term growth of your daughter as a person along with her soccer abilities under pressure. There will be times a team coach may make decisions and players are instructed to do things parents will not understand. Club, team, and player growth will sometimes be given a greater priority than results; especially in the years prior to high school. Parents must understand this and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a healthy team environment. Remember, playing only to win without taking healthy club, team, and player growth into account will not result in a solid foundation upon which your daughter will be prepared for achieving positive results.

Parents; always at the appropriate moment and time feel free to communicate or ask questions about your daughter and her soccer growth. Please take the initiative to encourage your daughter to speak up and communicate for herself whenever possible. Your coach should always express observations and views of an individual's soccer performance through the Four Areas of Evaluation.

The SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB believes in and instructs its players to understand the benefits of having Mental Power: and to apply that understanding to guide their intense focus on the game of soccer. We will instruct your daughter to ignore adverse conditions such as poor officiating, obscenities, rough play, weather, negative behavior by opponents or parents, and general poor sportsmanship directed at them. We expect our parents to have this same Mental Power.

Running our Blues Cup Tournament, as well as supporting GDA, ECNL, or USYS State, Regional, or National competition and other tournaments involving the Blues require thousands of volunteer hours annually. Blues families are expected to provide 10-20 hours of volunteer service per year (depending upon participation in GDA, ECNL, or USYS State, Regional, or National competition) for such roles as field setup and breakdown, parking assistance, field marshal, concessions, cleanup and other responsibilities as needed. The Blues Cup 2017 Tournament will be expanding and in turn all families are required to complete two full work shifts at Blues Cup 2017.

## **THE COACH**

The coaches for the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB are instructed to conduct themselves first as teachers and second as soccer coaches. Nothing positive will come of club efforts if our players grow to become world-class players who do not know how to conduct themselves as positive successful human beings. In this regard you should expect Blues coaches to conduct themselves as positive role models and provide examples of appropriate behavior. Our coaches recognize they are dealing in an important way with young people and cannot overlook the impact they have on players' lives.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the team on and off the soccer field when the team is together and part of club events. We insist our players are polite, well behaved, and respectful. Players and parents should expect honesty, communication, consistency, and reliability from the coach.

Blues coaches have helped facilitate the growth of numerous State, Regional, and National caliber players, many of whom receive college scholarships and play on top collegiate and National teams. The commitment the club and Program Director make under no circumstance guarantees a player will be offered a college scholarship, or be considered for ODP/USTC/ID2, or the State, Regional, or National team programs. The club and team coach work to create an environment that facilitates growth thus enabling players to become as productive as their passion, effort, and physical qualities will allow.

The Program Director and team coach are responsible for the creation of an environment where you can play quality, fun, and competitive soccer. While the soccer we play will be taken seriously the club recognizes there are things more important in life than soccer. In terms of priority family and school work come first. However, if the team coach determines a player is not willing to put her So Cal Blues soccer above other recreational activities during the season it may affect the player's Four Areas of Evaluation and therefore her playing time and/or status with the club. As a member of the Blues we expect you to commit to So Cal Blues Soccer and your So Cal Blues Soccer team as your first recreational activity and priority during the club season.

Do not expect your team coach to praise everything you do well. After a time there may be things the team coach comes to expect from a player. There are times when the team coach will say very little, and times when they may shout out instructions. There are times the team coach may be critical of players, and other times he/she will be generous with praise. The player and her parents are expected to take constructive criticism along with praise for a job well done and be able to deal with both.

The team coach will be available to provide instruction in soccer for 4-8 hours per team per week. During the later parts of the season instruction hours may go up due to tournament play (sometimes Saturday and Sunday) and GDA, ECNL, or USYS State, Regional, or National competition. The Program Director may attend games as the schedule permits but conflicts will occur from time to time. The team coach will attend practices and coach the team during games. In situations where conflicts do occur, and they will, the team coach may designate another club staff coach to cover that particular practice or game with final approval of the Program Director. There will be times when the team is asked to be in charge of itself so that the team and its players grow in leadership, maturity, and responsibility.

It is important for players and parents to understand that coaching in soccer is often over emphasized. Once a player and her teammates reach a certain level of maturity in the Four Areas of Evaluation they become more important to the team's success than the coach.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Our attempt with this agreement is to present in clear detail exactly what will be expected of you and what you can expect of the club, the team, and the club staff coaches. If you are uncertain what is expected, it is your responsibility to ask the team coach. Knowing and understanding these things, your participation will be positive for you as you grow to the highest level possible. The club has high expectations for our teams, our coaches, players and parents both on and off the soccer field.

These expectations are really the rules, regulations, and policies for the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB. So that players and parents in our club can get the maximum benefit, the club requires all to abide by club rules, regulations and policies. If disciplinary actions are necessary, the following steps may be taken:

The team coach and/or Program Director will discuss the problem directly and privately with the player with the expectation the problem will be corrected immediately. If the problem persists the team coach and/or Program Director will communicate with the player's parents to discuss the failure of the player to correct the problem. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved with the correction of the problem at this time. If the problem still continues, the Program Director and/or team coach may temporarily suspend the player. If the situation warrants, the Program Director may recommend to the Board of Directors that the player be removed from the club. The Board of Directors will notify the parents of the Program Director's recommendation. The parents of any player recommended for removal from the club may request to meet with the Board of Directors and the Program Director.

There may be problems or circumstances that warrant the Blues Board of Directors need to take immediate action. The Blues Board of Directors, at their sole and absolute discretion, will determine which problems and circumstances will require their immediate action. Problems or circumstances may include, but not be limited to member misconduct (whether player, parent, coach, assistant coach, official or officer). Should the Blues Board of Directors find the conduct of any member detrimental to the best interests of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB or to the purpose for which the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB has been formed and/or to the interest of soccer, the Blues Board of Directors may take such action as they determine reasonable, applicable, and appropriate; including but not limited to suspension from or removal from the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES SOCCER CLUB. Such action shall require the vote of a majority of the Blues Board of Directors.

Our desire is to work in a positive and constructive way with our players. Everyone has problems from time to time and the club will make every effort to work to help solve the problems we may have. After exhausting all effort to solve the problem, the club will be left with little choice other than to pursue disciplinary action as outlined above.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUES DUES PAYMENT POLICIES

### Payment Options:

Blues families will have the option of paying the 2018-2019 Player Dues in one lump sum or paying in accordance with the schedule noted below. Payments can be made either by Credit Card or Debit Card. There are no other additional credit or debit card processing fees. Amounts stated below are what you will pay. All payments are processed through the Registration Portal. Only in special circumstances and with approval of the Club Treasurer will payment by check be accepted.

So Cal Blues 2018–2019 Player Dues							
Player Dues can be paid in one lump sum or per the schedule below:							
Age	Lump Sum	or	Deposit Due at Registration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment Due 5/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Due 6/15	4 <sup>th</sup> Payment Due 7/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Payment Due 8/15
Blues Youth Academy	\$800	or	\$200	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175
2012 to 2011 U07 & U08	\$1,650	or	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
2010 to 2009 U09 & U10	\$2,050	or	\$430	\$430	\$430	\$430	\$430
2008 to 2007 U11 & U12	\$2,500	or	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$500
2006 to 2000 U13–U19 (Excluding DA & ECNL)	\$2,850	or	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$575	\$575
2005-U14 DA & ECNL	\$2,850	or	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$575	\$575
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2004 to 2000 U15–U19 ECNL	\$2,850	or	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$575	\$575
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2004 to 2000 U15–U19 GDA	\$2,850	or	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$575	\$575

### Payment Due Dates:

Lump Sum Payments are due at the time of registration and are considered late if received after 4/15 for Youngers (U06 thru U14), 5/15 for SCDL U15-U18/19, and 7/15 for U15-U18/19 GDA & ENCL teams.

Payment schedule payments are considered late if not received by the date as noted on the Player Dues schedule.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REGARDLESS IF THE CLUB DOES OR DOES NOT SENDS INVOICES, STATEMENTS OR REMINDERS IT IS THE FAMILY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY YOUR DUES PRIOR TO THE DATE THEY ARE DUE.**

### Late Payment Fees:

A \$10.00 late payment fee will be assessed each time a payment is received past the due dates described above or noted on the Player Dues schedule.

### Payment Default:

Any player is in default when payments are delinquent past 10 days. Any player delinquent in club dues and team fees will be notified by the club and players will be prohibited from participating in any club competition and membership privileges will be suspended and / or revoked.

### Refund Policy:

A player who drops after signing the coach's Letter of Intent but before training begins may be eligible for a refund of any payments made in excess of 50% of the total player's dues. After the start of training no refunds will be granted to any player who drops prior to the end of their season commitment.

### Injury Policy:

In order to receive a partial refund of dues paid due to an injury, 1) the player must have been injured while playing or practicing as part of a Blues sanctioned event, and 2) the player must have missed four (4) or more months of the club season (the high school season does not count as part of the club season). Refunds will be paid as follows:

U7 & U8: \$500 if a player misses 4 months; \$50 for each month thereafter; total refund not to exceed \$700  
 U9 - U12: \$500 if a player misses 4 months; \$100 for each month thereafter; total refund not to exceed \$900.00  
 U13 - U19: \$500 if a player misses 4 months; \$150 for each month thereafter; total refund not to exceed \$1,100



**Financial Aid:**

Families facing difficulties in paying all or part of their dues may apply for financial aid within 10 days after the Annual Meeting for their age group. Parents will be required to fill out an application, present financial information and present their case to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at their sole and absolute discretion, will either approve or disapprove the application at the board meeting during the month after the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in applying for financial aid please contact the Blues Treasurer at [jflint@mkdevcorp.com](mailto:jflint@mkdevcorp.com) to obtain a Financial Aid Application Form.

**Alternative Payment Plans:**

Payment plans may be available to players unable to meet the payment schedule listed above. Families must request in writing an Alternate Payment Plan within 10 days after the Annual Meeting for their age group. The Treasurer will either approve or disapprove the Alternate Payment Plan, with such approval or disapproval at the sole and absolute discretion of the Treasurer, within 10 days of written request. If the Treasurer disapproves the Alternate Payment Plan request, the family will be required to make the dues payments in accordance with schedule noted above. If the Treasurer approves the Alternate Payment Plan, any late payments will be subject to the Late Payment Fees and Payment Default provision above. The Alternate Payment Plan Agreement will be secured by a signed promissory note.

**Term of Commitment:**

The season which represents the term of commitment begins with the signing of the player which generally occurs in March for the U13 and younger players and April for U14 and older and continues until such time as the team has completed the post season tournaments such as State Cup, National Cup, GDA or ECNL Championship and / or Far West Regionals.

**Team Fees:**

The club provides each team with an allocation that is designed to cover the costs associated with league and post season play and a minimal amount towards outside tournaments. Individual teams may chose at the sole discretion of the coach to play in other tournaments incurring additional costs. These costs are shared by each family and are separate from Player Dues.

**Team/ Parent Participation:**

All teams and / or families shall be at a minimum responsible for the following:

- Team Photo for either Blues Cup, Blues Golf Bash / Gala Program valued at a cost of approximately \$500.00
- Each Family to Volunteer at Blues Cup
- Each Family to sell at least 10 Golf Balls at the Blues Golf Tournament
- Each Team to provide 4 Golfers for the Blues Golf Tournament

**Blues Players Receive:**

Each Player receives the following in consideration for their Player Dues:

- CYSA, SCDSL, EGSL, GDA and ECNL Fees / Club Administrative Costs
- Blues Cup Tournament Fee and Team Fees as described above.
- Coaching / Training and Goalkeeper Training for the Season
- Game Uniforms, and Practice Jerseys / Shorts & Socks
- The Blues may provide additional gear such as backpacks, warm ups, sweatshirts, etc. in a particular season however these items are not guaranteed as part of your Player Dues.
- College Advisory Program – CAP

**Terms and Conditions:**

By completing the club registration process and providing the documentation required to become a carded So Cal Blues Player the player and their families agree to be bound by the Club Player Parent Agreement and shall in every effort uphold the high standards of the Southern California Blues Soccer Club.